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Action Line
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of [redacted] who alleges that on September 2, 1978 agents of this Agency removed his belongings from the Delta Queen in Cincinnati while he was detained elsewhere.

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I am sorry there is nothing we can do to assist your reader in resolving this unlikely episode. We are more than willing to cooperate with you, as we have done in the past, when we have something constructive to offer. I am sorry that in this case we do not.

Sincerely,

Chief
Plans and Policy Branch

P.S. As a matter of curiosity, I wonder what led your client to believe they were CIA agents. Do you suppose they told him?

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a problem sent to us by an Action Line reader, asking for help with a matter concerning you and/or your organization.

We forward it in hopes that it has already been solved. If not, please give it your immediate attention and let us know what action has been taken.

Enclosed is an addressed card for your convenience. If a covering letter is preferred, please include our card. It will help us in clearing our files.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert B. McKnight'.

Robert B. McKnight
Action Line Director

5-30-80

Dear Action Line:

On Sept. 2, 1978, the Delta Queen Steamship Co., for which I worked, told me the Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted me released from my job. No reason was given. Secret Service (or FBI) agents took me to the Federal Building in Cincinnati for an "interview". While I was off the boat, Central Intelligence Administration agents went aboard the Delta Queen, packed up my belongings and took them off the boat.

I complained to the union but it didn't take any action. I filed a protest under the Freedom of Information Act but got nowhere. I finally had to pay a lawyer \$200 to file for me after the U.S. Government caused me to lose three jobs. I am a marine engineer and have been subjected to continual harassment by government bureaus. I would like an answer from someone, the FBI, CIA, or Delta Queen as to why I am having trouble with these agencies and ^{why} ~~while~~ I was fired by the Delta Queen?

Sincerely

P.S. I would prefer to have any answers come through the Action Line office so I am supplying a phone number through which I may be contacted.

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